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DIANUN, Andrew and the UARC.

[] to the recent conversation between [] and [] the following observations are submitted.

1. The UARC ("United Ukrainian American Relief Committee") is an accredited "voluntary agency" organized by Ukrainians in the United States to do welfare work among displaced Ukrainians. Its activities have been concentrated in Europe, where it has had offices since the earliest post-war years. Its work among Ukrainian displaced persons parallel that of the Tolstoy Foundation among the Russians or the American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees among Czechoslovaks. The UARC is headquartered in Philadelphia, where its director, Dr. Walter GILN, apparently carries the most weight. The UARC is in the habit of sending a "European Representative" to direct its activities there. Eamon SWOK, a Chicago lawyer, was its first such representative. He was succeeded by Dr. (fun) KALBA. KALBA recently returned to the United States. He was supplanted by Andrew DIANUN, on a temporary or "acting" basis. The central UARC office in Europe is located currently at 15 Pionnersstr., Munich.

2. Mr. DIANUN is a young native-born American of Ukrainian ancestry. He is a native of Buffalo, New York, and studied law at a university in that area. During World War II he was an officer in the CIC and was stationed in Germany, where apparently he gained first-hand knowledge of displaced-persons' problems. DIANUN allegedly has instilled new energy in the UARC in Europe, and several informants have stated that he is the most popular and capable representative UARC has ever sent to Europe. It appears, also, that DIANUN has some connection with the United States Escape Program, for since his arrival in Europe the UARC, under his personal management, has set up U.S.E.P. stations in Berlin and Trieste. It has been reported that other stations are contemplated (Vienna, Turkey, and the Far East).

3. [] formerly an informant at CSOB and a PW RADA adherent, once stated that DIANUN, as a CIC officer, coerced or substantially aided CASOMARY 2 when the latter emigrated to the United States in 1948. Whether that rumor is true or not, it does appear that DIANUN is on friendly terms with CASOMARY 1. At any rate, CASOMARY 1 has succeeded in having the UARC put at least two young CASOMARY 1 adherents in the new UARC-U.S.E.P. stations. Michael RUTED is in Berlin and Roman HASTLEY is in Trieste. It should be pointed out that both RUTED and HASTLEY are former "PA's", that is, they attended the clandestine political action school organized by TRELLOFF in the United States. If DIANUN is responsible

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For the replacement of these men, it is felt here that the WUNS has done wisely. Both men have been cleared by HANSEN and are of high caliber.

5. Within recent days it has been observed that a species of tension has developed within the Russian WUNS office. HANSEN's position has been that of acting director, while Michael BOMEL, a former Russian director, has reportedly arrived in Russia under circumstances suggesting that HANSEN does not enjoy the full confidence of the Philadelphia Headquarters. One version has it that HANSEN's position deteriorated to five years, who allegedly caused the displacement of HANSEN in Philadelphia because he (HANSEN) apparently put his ideas into effect several years ago. The second version stems from the circumstances that HANSEN left Philadelphia in order to attend the clandestine HANSEN school in the States, allegedly before forbidding an adequate explanation to WUNS authorities. It may well be, as a second or complementary theory, that HANSEN, who allegedly has an English background, disagrees of HANSEN's association with CAMERON 1.

6. Whatever is brewing within WUNS presently, it is the opinion of the undersigned that HANSEN's removal will be a loss to the U.S.S.R. program and the WUNS. In order, honesty, selection of personnel, and in terms of providing America's interests be outweighed all former WUNS residents in Russia. CAMERON, a US resident on Russian matters, characterized HANSEN as an American problem, and as clandestine work, unwarmed and undisciplined in material gain, and regular in personal relationships. CAMERON stated that HANSEN's arrival was a species of revelation, for all previous WUNS representations were notably deficient in trust, honesty, or ability.

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